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## SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?

As will be noted on another page of this paper, the Supreme Court of this State, sitting en banc has refused the petition of John Henry Chappell, in which petition an injunction was sought against holding an election in this state, next month, on the subject of prohibition.

Mr. Chappell has every reason to be disappointed. He is a prohibitionist himself, and expects to vote for prohibition if the election is held, (he so states in his petition), but he evidently hates to do so, else he would not have hired two high-priced lawyers, like a former governor and a Southern Railroad lawyer, to keep him and others from doing so. Mr. Chappell would make some money by going around and exhibiting himself. A man who wants to vote for prohibition, and yet spends his money to get himself enjoined from doing so, should attract a crowd of eager lookers anywhere.

And the great champion, the only real champion of the rights of the people in this state, has deserted the people, and applied to the courts for relief? That great stump orator who went over the state some years ago abusing the supreme court, and carrying his fight to the people, has he become afraid of the people and resorted to the court he abused? He has. But the court found that he had as little law, as he had love for the rights of the people. So that he and the counsel for the Southern Railway, his associate, and the members of the trade, their employees, and their friends, must take their medicine. THE PEOPLE will talk on election day, and their champion of the past will take orders, not give them. Liquor will be enjoined and not the election.

## GOOD ROADS

Supervisor Stevenson is a reader of the Press and Banner, and knows good advice when he hears it given. He has commenced the dragging of the roads on the main thoroughfares leading into the city. Saturday morning, we went out the Cambridge road and inspected some of the excellent results he is getting out there. Where the roads are wide, and properly dragged they have the appearance of a paved street in a city.

We suggest now that the delegation amend the road law by providing that the road tax in this county be two dollars per year, and that the amount collected from each township be held by the treasurer to pay for dragging the roads in that township. Persons liable to road duty should be allowed to work five days instead of paying the tax, if they desire. With the money collected and the labor available, the over-seer in each township should call out a certain number of men in rotation after each rain and require that the roads be dragged in that township. A sufficient number of drags should be provided by the Supervisor. A man should follow the drags to fill up holes and remove rocks and rubbish from the roadways.

And in order to supplement the funds necessary for this work, a license tax should be imposed on all owners of automobiles, the proceeds to be used in the townships where the owners reside.

If this is done the Supervisor need not work the roads so often. He can widen the roads and keep the ditches open; the drags will do the rest.

## Editorial Brevities.

The joke is on John Henry Chappell, of Newberry County. He is a prohibitionist, but in order to keep from voting for prohibition, which he says he will do, he hires two lawyers to enjoin himself from so doing, but the lawyers fall down on the job, and now he must vote according to his preference and the dictates of his conscience. This is a precarious position for a man from Newberry.

We are convinced that John Henry Chappell, of Newberry County has been practicing the Biblical injunction of not letting his left hand know what his right hand was doing. While his right hand was getting ready to vote for prohibition, his left hand, in ignorance of the intention of its neighbor, employed two lawyers to enjoin the acts about to be performed by the other hand. We

suggest a consultation between the two hands next time.

Perhaps the whole trouble is that John Henry has been drinking grape-juice all summer.

If one of the speakers here a few days ago had used the name of the Maker less frequently than he did in his address, he might have convinced more people that the Maker was really interested in his movement.

Ex-Governor Cole L. Blease, in his argument before the Supreme Court on last Saturday, stated that he could have received a salary greater than that paid the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, if he had taken the stump on the liquor question during July and August. Have the prohibitionists been trying to employ the ex-governor? or has someone else been making him an offer? Was it John Henry Chappell who was willing to pay this salary in order to get the ex-governor to stump the state?

And because of his great love of the people of the state, and because he desires to see the right prevail, although he will vote for prohibition, John Henry Chappell, of Newberry County, through his attorneys announces that if the people of this state vote for prohibition at the election about to be held the matter will be taken into the Federal Courts. John Henry and his attorneys are evidently of the opinion that the people of this state should not have the right to say what they want, nor to get what they want after they have voted for it.

If Col. Kerr and party drove, all the time they were away, at the same rate at which they came into town Saturday night, we understand how they got back so soon; they went around.

If some of the prospective candidates for congress in this district keep on running at the rate they are now going, their tongues will be hanging out of their mouths before the real race opens.

## General News

Dr. D. B. Johnson, President of Winthrop College, has just been elected President of the National Teachers' Association. This is the highest honor which may be conferred by the teachers of America. His opponent was Miss Grace Stachan, of New York, who resigned as a member of the Association after she was defeated.

The Southern Railway has given an order for the printing of one hundred thousand calendars of twelve pages each, to the Peace Printing Co. of Greenville. Each calendar will have a wooden strip at the top and this will require thirty eight miles of strips. Six hundred and eighty-three miles of paper will be required to print the calendars.

The people of Williamston are agitating a new county, made up of parts of Greenville and Anderson with the spring town as the county seat. Enthusiastic meetings have been held.

The will of the late Edmund Deas, of Darlington, negro state chairman of the Republican party for many years, has been probated. By its terms all of his personal property is left to his wife, and after her death it is to be sold and the proceeds used for the building of a hospital in Darlington for negroes. Deas left an estate worth probably \$25,000 or \$30,000. He has no children surviving him.

Munich breweries, aside from their regular out-put, are delivering weekly to the Bavarian soldiers, one hundred and forty carloads of beer in kegs and sixty carloads of beer in bottles. One thousand, three hundred and twenty gallons in the keg is an estimated carload.

The "Home-ard boulder" is the pennant hoisted by the warship when she gets orders to return from a foreign port. The cruiser Denver in 1909 flew one 350 feet long on the voyage in from a three-year Eastern cruise.

According to the report of the state dispensary auditor made public today, the total sales of all the dispensaries of the fifteen counties of the state for July amounted to \$245,516.99 and the operating expenses were \$16,133.17.

The Food Supplies Committee of the English Government will plow up four million acres of pasture land and plant grain and potatoes.

Cuba is counting on a four million ton crop of sugar this year. This enormous crop is causing the building of new sugar mills all over the island.

A young girl was bitten by a poisonous snake in Spartanburg last week and drank three pints of whiskey to counteract the poison. She suffered no bad results from the whiskey or the snake bite.

Over forty thousand testaments have been distributed to the German soldiers by the World Sunday School Association. This Association hopes to distribute a million among the different nations.

A new eleven cent stamp, the first of this denomination, is soon to be distributed by the government. This is made necessary by the parcel post, many packages requiring such a stamp. The stamp will be green, and will bear a Franklin profile.

The Kaiser, who is said to be the third richest person in the German Empire, is reported as having lost in private fortune something like twenty-six millions of dollars since the beginning of the war. He is said to be a heavy holder in the Hamburg-American Steamship line and in the Krupp Works.

Germany's shipment of Canary birds has ceased since the war and Holland now has the trade in the pretty songsters.

A petition asking the governor of Georgia to pardon Dr. W. J. McNaughton, was circulated in Camden last week. Dr. McNaughton is a native of Camden and recently has been much in the eyes of the public, being the first man to reach Leo Frank after his throat was cut. He was mainly instrumental in saving Frank's life.

The wheat crop, estimated the largest ever grown in any country, will reach the billion bushel mark. Three and a half billion bushels of corn is the estimated crop of corn.

Over a hundred barber shops have been closed in Berlin on account of the war. This is a heavy shutting off of gossip.

## CYCLONE

A cyclone struck the school-house at Little Mountain church last Friday afternoon. The building was blown from the foundations and left in an inclined position about eight feet from its former position. Little damage was done to the building otherwise.

Several large trees in the adjoining church-yard were uprooted, or twisted off. It is believed that this is the same as the cyclone which passed above Donalds and visited Greenville on the same afternoon. In Greenville, one negro was killed and property damaged to the amount of forty thousand dollars.

## GOES TO THE MOUNTAINS AND RETURNS

As everyone in town knows, Col. J. D. Kerr has been going to the mountains since July 1st. He didn't get off until last Wednesday, however. Tiring of selling so much furniture at Alliance prices, he left his furniture emporium in charge of Sam McCuen and Roy Power, chartered Col. W. W. Bradley and his automobile, his son Billy, his brother Jim, and his cousin Renwick, and "headed" towards the great Blue Ridge. He "paused" long enough in Anderson, as Lark Wilson would put it, to get his name in the paper, and from there he proceeded to Pickens, where he did not get his name in the paper.

After looking at the mountains from Pickens, and consulting his guides as to the probability of sliding down a mountain in case they tried to go up, and thinking again of Uncle Jim, the Colonel turned his face towards another Sunday dinner at Uncle Jim's table.

No one was expecting the party back so soon. Accordingly there was some dispute at our house as to who it was that walked up Col. Bradley's front walk Sunday morning. One said it was Wide, another that it must be Charley Lyon, but our son Bill solved it. He got up to the window and said, after taking a look,—"It is Mr. Kerr. I can tell by his stomach."

## THE PICTURE SHOW

Manager Goldstein is giving the public some good pictures these days at the Grand Opera House. The matinees are good and will have better attendance when the little folks have to start to school. Last Friday night the feature picture was excellent and was enjoyed by a full house. Thursday night a good, clean funny picture gave the audience a half hour of genuine amusement. To depict life in other countries and different walks of life, to amuse and create laughter, is the mission of the motion pictures and in every respect Manager Goldstein is filling the bill.

## COTTON DECLARED CONTRABAND OF WAR

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF ABSOLUTE BAN ON SOUTH'S STAPLE

Will Take Necessary Steps to Support Market and Prevent Abnormal Depression. France to Take Similar Action.

London, Aug. 21—Cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain, according to a statement issued by the foreign office this afternoon.

The statement declares that the government proposes to initiate measures to relieve depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

It was learned upon inquiry at the foreign office that the French government will issue a similar notice early tomorrow.

The announcement follows: "His majesty's government has declared cotton absolute contraband. While the circumstances might have justified such action at an earlier period, his majesty's government are glad to think that local conditions of American interests likely to be affected are more favorable for such a step than they were a year ago, and, moreover, his majesty's government contemplate initiation of measures to relieve as far as possible any abnormal depression which might temporarily disturb market conditions."

The declaration is effective from today.

A royal proclamation concerning the action was published in a supplement of the London Gazette issued tonight. It is very brief. After a preamble citing previous proclamations concerning contraband, it says:

"Now, therefore, we do hereby declare, by and with the advice of our privy council, that during the continuance of the war, or until we do give further public notice, the following articles will be treated as absolute contraband in addition to those set out in our royal proclamation aforementioned:

"Raw cotton, cotton linters, cotton waste and cotton yarn."

"And we do hereby further declare that this, our royal proclamation, shall take effect from the date of its publication in the London Gazette."

The proclamation was signed yesterday by King George.

## TRIED TO SUICIDE IN ELBERTON, GA.

T. G. GREER, LAYS ALL NIGHT WITH THROAT SLASHED—CHANCE FOR RECOVERY

(Elberton Star)

Mr. T. C. Greer, of Eastover, S. C., said to be a telegraph operator, apparently 55 years old, was found on the Bailey lot, near to The Star office, early Friday morning with a horrible gash cut across his throat. Near by was a razor which he had purchased the day before from Nock's China Store, directly across the square from where he was lying over a black pool of his own blood. He was first seen by Mr. J. E. Rice and soon several people gathered around him. He was very weak from loss of blood and from the night's exposure on the wet ground. Greer said that he cut his own throat with the razor; that he did it because he had lived long enough; that he thought he had made a good job of it at first, but later finding out that he hadn't he tried a second time; that he had no people who thought anything of him; and that he didn't desire to live; that he cut his own throat at 8 o'clock on Thursday night. He evidently had lain unconscious on the grass all night from which he was aroused by the drizzling rain in the early morning. He was removed in an automobile to the station house by Chief of Police Irvin, and medical aid given him by City Physician L. P. Eberhardt. It is thought he will get well.

Mr. Greer was dressed in a neat blue serge suit. He spent Thursday in Elberton and during the day tried to buy laudanum from the Cleveland Drug Co. This led to the belief that he was a dope fiend, but after investigation it seems this was incorrect, and that Greer wanted the laudanum to kill himself with. His people and acquaintances in South Carolina have been communicated with, and he will probably be carried back to them today or tomorrow, if he is physically able to stand the trip.

A number of members of the Masonic lodge have interested themselves in taking care of him and getting him back to his family and his friends.

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